GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORTS AFFECTED DUE TO WAR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian ships carrying large quantity of sugar and other foodgrains like wheat, rice etc. were stopped at Umm Qasr Port of Southern Iraq;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether similar shipments to Gulf countries are also affected due to the ongoing war in Iraq; and

(d) if so, the remedial action taken by the Government to providing relief to the exporters in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SU MAHARIA)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Exporters of foodgrains have not submitted any representation. However, some export consignments were diverted to other ports in the Gulf.